

Amite River and Tributaries Bayou Manchac Study



- **Study Status:** Feasibility
- **Study Cost:**
Total \$4,000,000
- **FY04 Funding Required:**
\$800,000





Project Fact Sheet

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Amite River and Tributaries, Bayou Manchac, Louisiana

Study Authority: SR, 14 April 1967 and HR 23 July 1998. The Amite River and Tributaries reconnaissance report was completed in November 1984 and indicated there was potential for federal involvement in further studies.

Study Sponsor: The Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement was executed on November 29, 2001, with the Pontchartrain Levee District.

Study Location: The project area includes the entire Bayou Manchac Watershed, which is located in portions of Ascension, East Baton Rouge and Iberville parishes.

Study Purpose: The study purpose is to determine the feasibility of providing flood damage reductions and ecosystem restoration in the watershed.

Study Features/Status: This area experienced heavy flooding during tropical storm Allison in May and June of 2001. Flood storage areas were filled to capacity for some time after the rain event, which led to some environmental loss and increased risk of flood damages. This project is a multipurpose project to provide ecosystem restoration and flood-damage reduction. Likely multipurpose structures and features can be designed to allow for ecosystem restoration for most of the time, then used for stage reduction during a flood event. There is considerable public interest in both objectives. The non-federal sponsor is the Pontchartrain Levee District in cooperation with the three parishes. The first level of screening of alternatives is expected by September 2002. Two stakeholder meetings were conducted to determine public interest and input. Four additional meetings are scheduled. Hydrologic modeling, watershed planning, and environmental issues are the major topics being addressed by the stakeholder study team.

Feasibility Cost:

Total Cost	\$4,000,000
Total Federal Cost	\$2,000,000
Total Non-Federal Cost	\$2,000,000

Study Budget/Schedule: FY 2004 funds required to maintain the feasibility study schedule amount is \$800K; \$100K is in the FY 2004 President's budget.

Issues: No issues at this time.